(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Switching capacity of 36370 wired lines and 3750 Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) lines are planned in Faridabad town during 2002-03 to provide telephone connections to waitlisted applicants. The seven (7) waitlisted applicants of Sehatpur, Saraswati Colony are likely to be provided telephone connections in the month of June, 2002.

(d) Does not arise in view of (b) and (c) above.

Expenditure on Publicity and Gifts by MTNL

†4528. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the amount of money spent on publicity and gifts by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Ltd. from the 1st April, 2001 till date; and

(b) the steps being taken by the Government to stop extravagance in the Nigam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) Amounts of money (in Rs.) spent by MTNL from 1.4.2001 till date are as follows:

	Delhi	Mumbai	Corporate Office
Expenditure on publicity	9,64,92,371/-	8,44,50,226/-	1,62,91,559/-
Gifts	9,51,000/-	30,775/-	5,52,984/-

(b) Budget allocation for the required expenditure under the various heads is made and the same is monitored regularly for optimum utilization of the allotted funds.

Vehicles under MTNL

†4529. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) the number of departmental and hired vehicles in MTNL Delhi/ Mumbai as on the 31st January, 2002;

(b) whether the officers provided with official vehicles are also drawing transport allowances;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps being taken/proposed to be taken by Government to check the said extravagance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The Number of vehicles both departmental and hired by MTNL, Delhi/Mumbai as on 31st January, 2002 are as under:

	Delhi	Mumbai	Corporate Office
Departmental	510	486	31
Hired	221	328	10

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Transport allowance is given to only those officers who certify that they are not using any Government vehicle for commuting between residence and office. Transport allowance is not admissible to those officers who are residing within one Km. distance from their office. Transport allowance is also not being given to those officers who have been given self driven vehicles.

Telephone Adalats in Jharkhand

4530. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Telephone Adalats organized in Jharkhand during the last one year;